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REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-17 are pending in the application and that claims 1, 3, and 6 are rejected. The Examiner objected to claims 2 and 4-5 and allowed claims 7-17. By this response, claim 1 is cancelled, claims 18 and 19 are newly added, and claims 2-4 and 6 are amended. In view of the above amendments and the following discussion, Applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application are obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103. Thus, Applicants believe that all of these claims are now in condition for allowance.

I. OBJECTIONS

The Examiner has objected to dependent claims 2 and 4-5 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. (Office Action, p. 4). Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter and have re-written claims 2 and 4 into independent form, including all of the features of claim 1. Claim 5 depends from claim 4 and recites additional features therefor. As such, Applicants submit that claim 5 is also allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to claims 2 and 4-5 be withdrawn.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, and 6 as being unpatentable over Woo (United States patent 5,808,582, issued September 15, 1998) in view of Yester (United States patent 4,811,362, issued May 7, 1989). Applicants have cancelled claim 1. Claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 2, which has been re-written into independent form as discussed above. Claim 6 has been amended to depend from 4, which has been re-written into independent form as discussed above. Since claims 2 and 4 are allowable, dependent claims 3 and 6 are also allowable and fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §103.

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III. ALLOWED CLAIMS

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 7-17 are allowed.

IV. INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Examiner stated that the information disclosure statement filed on September 19, 2003, does not fully comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.98 because the application number is that of the parent application. The Examiner set forth a one month deadline for filing a corrected information disclosure statement. In response, Applicants filed a corrected information disclosure statement on March 18, 2005. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the information disclosure statement.

CONCLUSION

Thus, Applicants submit that none of the claims presently in the application are obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103. Consequently, Applicants believe that all these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

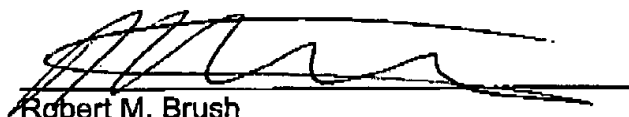
If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring any adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is

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requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Robert M. Brush, Esq. or Mr. Raymond R. Moser Jr., Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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